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OPERATING MANUAL



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FOREWORD

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent, pursuant to Executive Order 12829, "National Industrial Security Program" (NISP), and with the concurrence of the Secretary of Energy, the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Director of Central Intelligence, I am pleased to promulgate the inaugural edition of the NISP Operating Manual (NISPOM). The **NISPOM** was developed in close coordination with industry and it represents a concerted effort on behalf of hundreds of individuals throughout the Executive Branch and industry.

I believe the **NISPOM** represents the beginning of a new industrial security process which is based on sound threat analysis and risk management practices and which establishes consistent security policies and practices throughout the government. I also believe it creates a new **government** and industry partnership which empowers industry to more directly manage its own administrative security controls.

The President has recently created a Security Policy Board to ensure the protection of our nation's sensitive information and technologies within the framework of a more simplified, uniform and cost effective security system. The Security Policy Board and the Executive Agent will continue the process of consultation with industry on the **NISPOM** to make further improvements, especially in the complex and changing areas of automated information systems security and physical security.

All who use the **NISPOM** should ensure that it is implemented so as to achieve the goals of eliminating unnecessary costs while protecting vital information and technologies. Users of the **NISPOM** are encouraged to submit recommended changes through their Cognizant Security Agency to the Executive Agent's designated representative at the following address:

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The **NISPOM** replaces the Department of Defense Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information, dated January 1991.

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John M. Deutch
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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